

TOBACCO

Report on Tobacco

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The Associate Referee on Menthol in Cigarette Filler conducted a collaborative study employing both a colorimetric and a GLC method, the two methods in common use today. The data obtained show that the two methods give comparable results. There is some indication that the accuracy and precision of the colorimetric method, the simpler of the two procedures, can be improved by further study. The Referee concurs in the Associate Referee's recommendation that the study on menthol be continued.

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Tobacco Company has been appointed to the Analytical Methods Committee of the Tobacco Chemists Research Conference and has agreed to serve as Associate Referee on Humectants in Cased Tobacco.

Recommendations

Calcium in Tobacco: Study of an atomic absorption method.

Humectants in Cased Tobacco: Initiation of study.

Menthol in Cigarette Filler: Continued study.

This report of the General Referee was presented at the Eightieth Annual Meeting of the Association of Official Analytical Chemists, Oct. 10-13, 1966, at Washington, D.C.

The recommendations of the General Referee were approved by Subcommittee A and were accepted by the Association. See *This Journal* 50, 126 (1967).